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GENERAL HAMLETT PLANS FOLLOW UP STEINSTUECKEN MATTER WITH PERSONAL  
CALL ON ZAKHAROV TO REASSERT POSITION TAKEN HIS ORIGINAL PROTEST  
REEMPHASIZING SOVIET RESPONSIBILITY PREVENT VIOLATIONS OUR  
RIGHTS BY SOVIET ZONAL AUTHORITIES.

HE PLANS ALSO COMPLAIN TO ZAKHAROV REGARDING SOME DIFFICULTIES  
EXPERIENCED IN DESPATCHING WRECKERS AND REPAIR ASSISTANCE IN  
OTHER CARS TO HELP AMERICAN AUTOMOBILES SUFFERING BREAKDOWNS  
ON AUTOBAHN. THIS MATTER BEING REPORTED IN MORE DETAIL IN  
OTHER MESSAGES.

IN COURSE HIS CALL ON GENERAL HAMLETT LAST WEEK, GENERAL ZAKHAROV  
RAISED QUESTION WITH REGARD TO WHICH GENERAL HAMLETT HAS  
REQUESTED INSTRUCTIONS (PARAGRAPH 1 OURTEL TO BONN 123).  
MATTER INVOLVES INTELLIGENCE OPERATION ABOUT WHICH BOTH  
USBER AND USCOB DELIBERATELY KEPT UNINFORMED. IN THIS CASE  
GENERAL OBLIGED REQUEST INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION TO  
EXTENT NECESSARY REPLY ZAKHAROV. USBER STILL COMPLETELY UN-  
INFORMED. GENERAL HAMLETT STATES THAT MATTER IS OF SUCH NATURE  
THAT HE BELIEVES IT UNWISE FOR HIM TO SEEK FURTHER INTERVIEW  
WITH ZAKHAROV ON ANY MATTER WITHOUT FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS  
THIS SPECIAL SUBJECT.

WITH REGARD TO CONFLICT BETWEEN REPORTS THAT STEINSTUECKEN

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ENTERED BY 20 VOPOS AND ASSERTION IN ZAKHAROV LETTER THAT ONLY ONE VOPO ENTERED AMERICAN SECTOR, STUDY REPORTS RECEIVED INDICATES POSSIBILITY THAT QUESTION NATURE AND DEGREE OF VIOLATION MIGHT TURN ON EXTENT TO WHICH PRESENCE VOPOS ON SOVIET ZONAL OPERATED RAILWAY RIGHT OF WAY CROSSING STEINSTUECKEN CONSTITUTES VIOLATION AMERICAN SECTORAL TERRITORY. IN WEST BERLIN SPECIAL SOVIET ZONAL RAILWAY POLICE ARE PERMITTED TO POLICE RAILWAY LINES UNDER SOVIET ZONAL OPERATION BUT WEST BERLIN POLICE FORBID ACCESS THESE LINES BY VOPOS. WE HAVE HEARD REPORTS THAT IN PAST VOPOS HAVE CROSSED THROUGH STEINSTUECKEN ON RAILWAY RIGHT OF WAY APPARENTLY ON ASSUMPTION THAT IN SO DOING THEY WERE NOT VIOLATING AMERICAN SECTORAL TERRITORY.

WEST BERLIN AUTHORITIES ARE RECHECKING ALL EVIDENCE AVAILABLE TO DETERMINE EXACT EXTENT AND MANNER VIOLATION OCCURRED AND HOPE MAKE FURTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE TOMORROW. IN COURSE OF FURTHER DISCUSSION THIS MATTER WITH SOVIETS WE SHALL MAINTAIN POSITION THAT WHILE RAILWAY LINE IS OF NECESSITY OPEN TO USE AND APPROPRIATE INSPECTION AND POLICING BY RAILWAY AUTHORITIES FOR PURELY RAILWAY OPERATIONAL PURPOSES, IT DOES NOT CONSTITUTE SOVIET ZONAL TERRITORY AND IS NOT OPEN TO ACCESS BY VOPOS.

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